

**District of Columbia
Child and Family Services Agency**

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) is soliciting applications from non-profit, community-based mentoring organizations that have well established mentoring programs and proven track records to partner with CFSA to provide volunteer mentors to adolescent youth who are CFSA-involved and have an open CFSA case.

CFSA intends to grant awards to multiple organizations to provide volunteer mentors who will serve 100 adolescent youth between 6 and 21 years of age who will be identified by CFSA based upon an individual assessment of each child's mentoring needs in the targeted age population. There is a further requirement that each partner organization selected be able to initially serve 20 CFSA-involved children at any point in time. The program may be expanded to serve an additional 100 CFSA-involved children, and applicants must have the capacity to serve an additional 20 children at any given time, for a capacity to serve a total of 40 children in the event the program is expanded. Organizations must be ready to accept referrals and begin providing services within 30 days of the grant award.

Successful applicants will provide mentoring services tailored to the population listed above. Grant funds may be used to cover specified administrative costs and to provide activity stipends for mentors' activities with children and youth, but may not be used to compensate mentors. Applicants who apply to this Request for Applications (RFA) must design mentoring services specific to the needs of the target populations as set out in the RFA. Bidders will be required to provide proof of their organizational capacity to recruit and train a sufficient number and complement of mentors who will keep the time commitments required in the RFA. Bidders will be required to provide proof of their capacity to screen mentors. A total not to exceed \$100,000 is available for successful applicants.

The RFA will be released on October 2, 2006, and the deadline for submissions is November 3, 2006 at 5 pm to the Child and Family Services Agency, 400 6th St., SW, Washington, DC 20024, Attention: June Walden Yeager. For additional information, please contact June Walden Yeager at CFSA (202) 442-6151.

The RFA will be available from CFSA, located at 400 6th St., SW, Washington, DC 20024. In addition, the RFA will be available at the Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants website (<http://www.opgd.dc.gov>) under the link to the District Grants Clearinghouse.